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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L TEL AVIV 951

EXDIS (TREAT AS NODIS)

FOR AMBASSADOR EILTS FROM AMBASSADOR LEWIS

JERUSALEM FOR USDEL

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SUBJ: REMARKS CONCERNING SADAT'S SPEECH TO THE PEOPLE'S
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REF.: TEL AVIV 950

1. WHEN PRIM MINISTER BEGIN TELEPHONED ME THIS
AFTERNOON (JAN 22) TO TELL ME OF THE CABINET DECISIONS
THIS MORNING (REFTEL), HE ASKED POLITELY IF I WOULD

PASS ON TO YOU ONE PERSONAL THOUGHT. HE HAD SEEN
PRESS RPORTS OF SOME COMMENTS YOU APPARENTLY MADE
TO SOME ISRAELI JOURNALISTS JUST AFTER SADAT'S SPEECH
IN WHICH YOU WERE QUOTED AS SPEAKING ABOUT ITS
"POSITIVE NATURE". BEGIN SAID THAT HE COULD FIND
LITTLE POSITIVE IN IT HIMSELF, ALTHOUGH HE REALIZED
IT CONTAINED A NUMBER OF NICE THINGS ABOUT TH US,
"THE MOTIVATION FOR WHICH IT IS CERTAINLY OBVIOUS".
HE CHARACTERIZED THE SPEECH AS A "VICIOUS ATTACK ON
ISRAEL AND THE JEWISH POPE" AND THOUGHT THAT IT
MIGHT HAV BEEN BETTER HAD YOU NOT CHARACTERIZED
IT AL ALL.

2. I PASS THIS ON ONLY BECAUSE HE ASKED ME TO DO SO.
H RECALLED HIS FRIENDLY CONVERSATION WITH YOU FROM
ISMAILIYA AND OBVIOUSLY HAS A HIGH REGARD FOR YOU.
BUT HE CAN RARELY LET SUCH A THOUGHT PASS UNEXPRESSED.
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